



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer  
Chief Information Officer

At its meeting held January 20, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The ability to communicate the myriad of threats and other impacting events from multiple sources (i.e., cities, law enforcement agencies, fire agencies, Federal agencies, State agencies, utilities, transportation/port/airport authorities, etc.) effecting and impacting businesses and the general population of the Los Angeles region necessitates that we reevaluate how we gather and make information available to ensure public and business awareness. Improving communications and providing a more open degree of access will allow the development of strategies for minimizing the impact of local and National events on businesses and other interested organizations. Several municipalities, including the City of New York, have implemented technology-based event tracking and status systems to reflect events from multiple sources within their respective regions. This has proved to be advantageous to the citizens, schools, government organizations, and local businesses in allowing a common portal into current security or other impacting events and their status.

“The County of Los Angeles has demonstrated a high degree of responsiveness to past natural disasters and in collaborating with other municipalities in responding to National threats under the guise of Homeland Security. While each County organization has systems for capturing event information and providing status, the majority of these systems are independent and do not readily share information in a collaborative fashion. It is necessary that our Emergency Response organizations enhance information sharing and provide improved public and local business accessibility.”

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Jon Fullinwider, Chief Information Officer, addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Knabe made a motion that the Board instruct the Chief Information Officer to:

1. Coordinate with the Chief Administrative Officer's Office of Emergency Management, the Sheriff, Fire Chief, Interim Director of Internal Services, Director of Public Works and other departments as required, to assess the Candle Corporation NC4 system as a solution for improving regional communications and status visibility into numerous national and local events effecting the general population and businesses located within the Los Angeles County region; and
2. Report back to the Board within 90 days with a report delineating the benefits, community value, implementation criterion, requirements for non-County department participation, projected time frame for a phased implementation, estimated startup and sustaining operating costs and requirements that would need to be addressed in developing a contract with the Candle Corporation in entering into a public/private partnership.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a suggestion that recommendations one and two of Supervisor Knabe's motion be amended to read as follows:

1. Coordinate with the Chief Administrative Officer's Office of Emergency Management, the Sheriff, Fire Chief, Interim Director of Internal Services, Director of Public Works and other departments as required, to assess the Candle Corporation NC4 system or any other applicable system as a solution for improving regional communications and status visibility into numerous national and local events effecting the general population and businesses located within the Los Angeles County region; and

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2. Report back to the Board within 90 days with a report delineating the benefits, community value, implementation criterion, requirements for non-County department participation, projected time frame for a phased implementation, estimated startup and sustaining operating costs and requirements that would need to be addressed in developing a contract with the Candle Corporation or any other company in entering into a public/private partnership.

Supervisor Knabe accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's amendment.

Supervisor Knabe's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, was unanimously carried.

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